

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2011 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB2000

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:** LeMunyon

**3. Committee:** Local Government

**4. Title:** Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors; Appointments.

**5. Summary:** The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) was established by the General Assembly in 1964. The Commission contains 20 members, including thirteen members that represent the local governments of Arlington (3), Fairfax (5), Loudon (1), Alexandria (2), City of Fairfax (1), and Falls Church (1), two senators and four delegates that represent the General Assembly, and the Secretary of Transportation or his designee. Currently, the director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) represents the Secretary of Transportation. The NVTC allocates state, regional, and federal transit assistance each year among the member jurisdictions, co-owns the Virginia Railway Express and appoints Virginia's representatives to the board of directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). Virginia has two principle members and two alternates on the board.

The proposed legislation would require the NVTC, in appointing Virginia's representatives to the WMATA board, to include the Secretary of Transportation's designee or his voting member as a principal member.

Recent federal legislation requires Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia to each provide \$50 million to WMATA to match \$150 million in federal funding for the next ten years for capital needs. With this contribution, the Commonwealth of Virginia is a major contributor to WMATA, but Virginia's representatives on the WMATA board are local government appointees.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

**7. No Fiscal Impact.** Preliminary. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The proposed legislation would require the NVTC to appoint the Secretary of Transportation's designee to the board of directors of WMATA. This appointment is not expected to impact state resources.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, Department of Rail and Public Transportation

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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